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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Appln. No.: 10/649,956) : Group Art Unit: 2853
Filed: August 28, 2003) :
For: PRINT POSITION ADJUSTING)
METHOD AND INK JET PRINTING :
APPARATUS AND INK JET)
PRINTING SYSTEM USING PRINT :
POSITION ADJUSTING METHOD) February 10, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated January 13, 2005.

A careful review of the specification reveals that the two species are closely related and would not require separate fields of search. Accordingly, neither Applicants nor the Patent and Trademark Office should be put to the trouble and expense entailed in multiple filing and prosecution. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the public at

large should not be required to obtain and study separate patent documents in order to have available all of the issued patent claims covering the invention.

Nevertheless, in order to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect Species I, represented by Fig. 8. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15 and 16 read on the elected species. Applicants submit that at least Claims 1, 8 and 15 are generic to both species.

Favorable consideration is requested.

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